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Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

LEARNING FROM HOME





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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After the recent announcement by the NSW Premier extending lockdown for another four weeks, Learning From Home will remain with us until the **28th of August**.

This week however, our school has seen an increase in students attending school. I want to remind all our families that there is only **minimal supervision** on site at our school for those students who cannot be educated at home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker. All students and families will be supported with learning from home materials and resources.

Learning From Home will continue via Google Classrooms. For those requiring schoolwork in booklet form, you can download it from the school website or collect it from the main school entry gate on Chamberlain Road between **12:30pm and 3pm on Friday, or 8.30-9:30am on Monday** mornings (please wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing). We know that children are working hard to complete booklet work, and now that we will be in this mode of learning for another four weeks, we will be collecting finished booklets for marking. These can be dropped off when booklets are collected from the front of the school. Boxes will be there and completed work can be placed in these. Books will be returned to students when normal schooling resumes.

Under these guidelines, it is strictly only students and staff on the school site. Entry and exit for students will be via the Chamberlain Road entry only. If a student is late or needs to be picked up early, please call the school office on 43 284 433.

There will be no canteen or uniform shop available until further notice.

All students and staff who are sick in any way should not be on site. Students who come to school sick will be sent home and will require evidence of a negative COVID test prior to readmittance.

I want to thank all the families who have continued to support our community by keeping their children at home to minimise movement in the community. Get in touch with your teacher to discuss any additional needs for your child or family to support you to continue learning from home. Teachers will also be making calls home to see how everyone is and as they are working from home you will receive a call from 'no caller ID.'

I have been incredibly excited seeing the many smiling faces that great us each day via our Stage Zoom meetings. What a wonderful way to start the day! We know that these meetings have been popular so we are expanding it to include a **Class Zoom meeting once a week starting in Week 5**. This will give your child the chance to speak directly to their teacher and classmates. We understand the need to maintain some sort of normalcy for our students and this will be another way in which we can support them from home. A link will be sent out next week with a timetable via Class Dojo so keep an eye out.

Once again, if you have any questions at all please contact your class teacher or myself as we are more than happy to help you navigate this period of time.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We're all in this together

Education Week

Last week was Education Week, a week for public schools across NSW to celebrate the wonderful opportunities that public education offers our students.

This year's theme was 'Lifelong learners' and celebrated education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce.

This year, as was last year, Valley View PS staff and students celebrated virtually through a school video to take the celebration directly to you. I would like to thank Mrs Anderson for putting the video together to highlight our fantastic school. The presentation was shared with the parent community via our school Facebook page and will be uploaded to the school website this week.

Yours sincerely Kirsty Squires Principal

STEM Author Visit—Week 9 Term 2

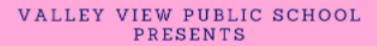
On Thursday of Week 9 Stages 2 and 3 had a visit from a former Valley View student, Mick Liubinskas, who has written a book to encourage girls to become involved in STEM. He generously donated copies of his book called *She's Building a Robot* for which he has a great website <u>http://shesbuildingarobot.com/</u>. Mick has had experience in the technology industry in different roles and was able to talk to the students about some paths available in STEM careers.





Mrs. Tomlinson



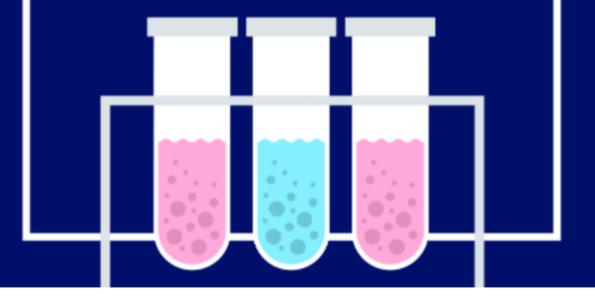


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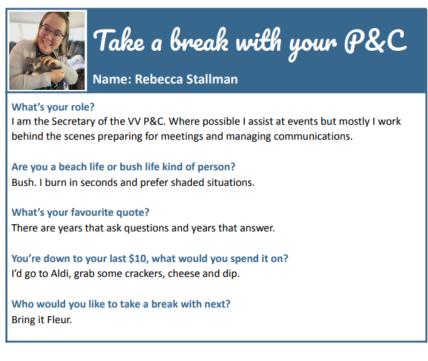
A fun exhibit with projects inspired by this years National Science Week theme.

AUGUST 16 - 20, 2021

SEE YOUR STAGE GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION



P&C News



Let's start with a shoutout to all you Valley View parents and children, you're amazing! Seeing happy and motivated faces at Zoom meetings and on Facebook videos is delightful. Thank you also to our teachers who've offered ongoing support, light humour and encouragement to our children (and parents) during this lockdown. Our monthly meeting was on Tuesday, 13 July - thank you to everyone who joined us. The P&C is working on some exciting projects and planning for future fundraising events.

These include:

- We hear you Valley View A project for empowering student voices within our P&C
- Adults only Trivia Night
- Father's Day Stall
- School Disco

We need you



Yes, we do indeed! Please visit the <u>P&C page</u> for a list of current vacancies and <u>contact us</u> if you're interested in any of these roles. If a casual commitment is more your thing, we have a team of volunteers who help when they can, so please <u>register with us</u>.

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately we cannot run the Breakfast Club during the lockdown period. However, we'd like to thank Bec, Nikki and our Year 6 School Leaders who've volunteered their mornings to service the school and their peers.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will remain closed until parents and volunteers are allowed back on school grounds. However, we don't expect you to go without - so enjoy the PJ days during lockdown and if needed, place your order online. We'll fill online orders as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Contact us

Email: secretaryvvpc@gmail.com Uniform shop: www.valleyviewpandc.org.au Facebook: P&C Association for Valley View Public School

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ONLINE ENROLMENTS

The Online Enrolment System is now up and running. This system is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that suits you best. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's <u>going to a public school site</u>.

SCHOOL GATES — During Lockdown

Both Chamberlain Road pedestrian gate, and Binya Avenue gate are the only gates open in the mornings and afternoons. Both gates are locked each morning at 9:30am and opened again in the afternoon at 2:30pm. No adults are allowed on site under any circumstance. **Please phone the office if you require any information on 4328 4433.**



